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SUBJECT: REPLY TO SOVIET AND GDR STATEMENTS ON
DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK

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1. AT JULY 17 BONN GROUP MEETING SOVIET AND GDR STATE-
MENTS ON DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK WERE DISCUSSED (EMBASSY
APPRECIATES VERY MUCH QUICK USUN TRANSMISSION OF TEXT
GDR NOTE, WHICH ENABLED EARLY CONSIDERATION HERE). AGREE-
MENT ON REPLY TO SOVIETS WAS DEFERRED ON BIS THAT A
GOOD WAY TO HANDLE GDR NOTE MAY BE TO ADDRESS IT
BRIEFLY IN ALLIED RESPONSE TO SOVIET PAPER. BRITISH
VOLUNTEERED TO TRY FINDING APPROPRIATE FORMULATION WHICH
WOULD NOT SEEM TO LET GDR IN THROUGH BACK DOOR, TO
WHICH OTHER REPS AGREED. UK REP (CROMARTIE) ALSO
SAID FCO WONDERED IF REF TO QD IN REPLY MAY BE A HAZZARD
IN THAT SOVIETS MAY THUS BE PROMPTED TO ISSUE SOME KIND
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OF "CLARIFICATION" OF SCOPE OF QD. FRENCH REP (LUSTIG)

SAID HE DOUBTED IF SOVIETS WOULD DO SO AND ASSERTED
USE OF QD COULD NOT REALLY BE AVOIDED SINCE THIS
"ONLY THING WE HAVE." US REP NOTED APPROVAL BY
AUTHORITIES OF TEXT - WITH ADDITION OF LANGUAGE SOUGHT
BY BERLIN - AND STATED VIEW THAT QD REFERENCE AN
IMPORTANT PART OF ALLIED ARGUMENT. BOTH FRENCH AND U.S.
REPS THEN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FCO WOULD AGREE TO
RETENTION OF QD USE IN REPLY.

2. REGARDING ADDITION OF LANGUAGE DESIRED BY BERLIN TO
TEXT REFTEL E OF REPLY TO SOVIETS, OTHER REPS INDICATED
NO DIFFICULTY, BUT THIS WILL, OF COURSE, ALSO BE SOMEWHAT
DEPENDENT UPON IF BONN GROUP SHOULD FINALLY RECOMMEND
INCLUDING RESPONSE TO GDR NOTE IN REPLY TO SOVIET
PAPER.

3. ON ANY FRG REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE, US EXPRESSED VIEW
AS INSTRUCTED PARA 2, REFTEL C, AND WAS QUICKLY SUPPORTED
BY FRENCH (IN OPENING DISCUSSION OF ENTIRE MATTER, UK
REP HAD BRIEFLY NOTED THAT FCO HAS AGREED TO FRG TEXT).
FRG REP (LUECKING) REPLIED THAT HE SAW PROBLEM, BUT THAT
FRG TEXT HAD BEEN DRAFTED VERY CAREFULLY TO STRICTLY
LIMIT ITS IMPLICATIONS. ALLIED REPS THEN POINTED OUT
THAT GDR NOTE MAY HAVE ALTERED SITUATION EVEN AS REGARDS
ANY FRG REPLY, AND ALL REPS AGREED QUESTION OF FRG
RESPONSE SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AGAIN IN LIGHT OF FINAL
ALLIED REPLY WHICH MAY VERY WELL ADDRESS GDR STATEMENT AS
WELL--THUS PROBABLY OBTAINING ANY NEED FOR FRG
RESPONSE.
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